

THE GAINESVILLE STAR

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J. LEWIS BROWNE ORGAN RECITAL

At Kavanaugh Methodist Episcopal Church Tonight

SEATS AT MILLER & AVERA'S

Misses Lynch, Richards, Gray,
Ford and Mr. W. F. Dale
On the Program

Mr. J. Lewis Browne, of Atlanta, Ga., will present the following program to the citizens of Gainesville at his organ recital on the above named date. Dr. Browne will be assisted by Miss Maggie Lynch, Miss Christine Richards, Miss Alice Gray, Miss Inez Ford and Mr. W. F. Dale of this city:

Bach—Prelude and Fugue in C Minor.
Von Flitz—Hymnus.
Browne—Schero.
Solo for Soprano—Selected—Miss Maggie Lynch.
Schuman—Solo for Violin, Trauereel.
—Miss Christine Richards.
Wagner—Vorspiel, zu Tristan and Isolde.

Chaminade—Prelude in D Minor.
Dubois—"In Paradisum."
Solo for Soprano—Selected—Miss Inez Ford.

Browne—Duet for Tenor and Soprano.
"O Paradise"—Miss Alice Gray and W. F. Dale.
Liszt—Saint-Saens—"St. Francis and the Birds."

Widor—Toccata from Fifth Organ Symphony.
Price of admission 50 cts.

Masonic Election.

At a regular communication of Gainesville Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M., held at their hall on Dec. 23rd, 1903, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. B. Higdon, W. M.
N. W. Littlefield, S. W.
J. E. Wainwright, W.
J. G. Torrey, Treas.
R. McCellan, Sec'y.
R. T. Schafer, S. D.
L. T. Roux, J. D.
W. J. Carpenter, Chaplain.
A. M. Cushman, Marshal.
W. L. Hill, S. S.
M. H. McClamrock, J. S.
M. B. Saunders, Tiler.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

N. W. Littlefield.
Marcus Endel.
A. M. Cushman.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

J. E. Wainwright.
G. W. Hyde.
P. Miller.

Meritt-Webster.

At the home of Col. and Mrs. F. Webster, in North Gainesville, there was a very pretty marriage last Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. The contracting parties were Mr. C. F. Meritt, a popular young man of Polk county, and Miss Maude, the charming and accomplished daughter of Col. and Mrs. Webster, and the solemn but beautiful ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Templeton, a former pastor of the North Gainesville Methodist church, but now residing at Seabreeze.

The marriage was in the presence of the family and a few friends of the bride, and those present were served with delicious refreshments which were much enjoyed.

The Star unites with other friends in wishing for the happy couple a long and prosperous life.

A Silver Wedding Anniversary.

One of the most pleasant holiday entertainments was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Steenburg, which was held Christmas evening at their pretty home in North Gainesville.

About fifty guests were present who were treated to a six o'clock dinner, and those who were present say it was one of the finest they ever sat down to. The presents received by this popular couple were many and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Steenburg's numerous friends wish for them many happy anniversaries.

To Our Patrons.

The editor of the Star will be absent from the city from Dec. 29 to probably Jan. 5 or 6, and any courtesies shown our office force during our absence will be appreciated.

On or before January 15, we will issue no fewer than 3000 copies of the Star, and at least three or four times a month thereafter during the political campaign of next year we will issue from 3,000 to 3,500 copies. Our subscription list is growing rapidly, and we will be in a position to give our advertisers more for their money than ever before.

Harry Alexander spent Christmas with his parents at Oviedo.

Mrs. H. A. Arnold of Fairbanks is very sick. Dr. Sibley in attendance.

A Record in Name Signing.

Lucius Chittenden claimed the record for signing his name as a government employee. It was in 1892, while he was registrar of the treasury. A bond issue of \$10,000,000 was made necessary by the efforts of our minister to England, Charles Francis Adams, to prevent the delivery of two ships building in England to the Confederates. The bond issue was necessary to furnish security against damages if the case should go against the United States in the English courts. Chittenden was notified at noon Friday to get the bond issue out, and he did so in time to have the bonds taken to New York by special train at 4 o'clock on the following Monday. Not three years ago he prepared a magazine article in which he claims to have signed his name 3,700 times in seven hours at that time, and to have reached a speed of ten signatures a minute. In all he signed his name 12,500 times in the period given, and had to have the aid of an army surgeon to care for his arm after the first twelve hours. He did not stop to eat, but took food in liquid form, he says, and slept at his desk—Washington Post.

A Nice Little Task.

An expert mathematician once set himself the nice little task of calculating the number of different ways in which fifty-two cards of a pack can be distributed among four players, thirteen to each, taking every possible combination and permutation.

It would be no use to present the answer here in a long row of figures, for no one can realize to himself what such a numerical array really conveys, nor would it be much better to play with the words of billions and trillions, seeing that these are mere words and nothing more to most of us, but the following illustration is more likely to be appreciated by the ordinary reader: If the entire population of the earth were to deal the cards incessantly day and night for 100,000,000 years, at the rate of a deal by each person a minute, they would not have exhausted the one hundred-thousandth part of the number of essentially different ways in which the cards can be so distributed.

Which Was the Guilty One?

Shortly before Major J. B. Pond, the "lecture bureau expert," was taken with what proved to be his last illness he was entertaining three friends in his office at the Everett House when one of them, in commenting upon the major's book, "The Eccentricities of Genius," asked:

"Major, you have at one time and another known all the celebrities. Tell me, what sort of comparison would you make between Talmage and Mark Twain?"

"That is rather a difficult question to answer," replied the major, with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes. "But if you will promise not to ask me to elucidate I'll say this: 'One of them lied only when he had to, and the other lied whether he had to or not.'"

Breaking in a New Pipe.

"Notice that chap in a brown hat?" said a man to his companion in a walk. "Trying to break in a new pipe; trying to smoke it the first time, and fells to the muzzle. He'll never in all his life—or as long as he owns that pipe—enjoy it."

"Oh, won't he?"
"Never; only one way to break in a new pipe. Put in a pinch of the weed at first and smoke it all; another pinch, only larger than the first; smoke it all out; clean the pipe; gradually you can fill the pipe to the muzzle, and finally be able to smoke her all out clean as a whistle."

Parliamentary "Popping."

A member of congress had been paying attention to a young lady for a long while and had taken her to attend the house until she was well posted in the rules. On the last day of the session as they came out he bought her a bouquet of flowers and said to her, "May I offer you my hand of flowers?" She replied promptly, "I move to amend by omitting all after 'I move to amend'." He blushing accepted the amendment and they adopted it unanimously.

A Personal Matter.

"I think I am giving general satisfaction," said the young clergyman a little doubtfully, "although Elder Wilkins has found a good deal of fault with my prayers."
"You are sure to have that trouble," responded the retired pastor with a reminiscent sigh. "The elder is a good man, a most worthy man, but he never can remember that he is not the party addressed in prayer."—Exchange.

As Practical as Usual.

Poor Man—Well, did you buy that book telling all about how to economize in the kitchen?
Wife—Yes, I've got it.
Poor Man—That's good. What does it say?
Wife—It's full of recipes telling how to utilize cold roast turkey, but we haven't the turkey.

Real Reform.

"My husband doesn't gamble now as he used to."
"Reformed, has he?"
"Yes, he doesn't go to the race track at all any more. His worst dissipation now is swimming. I think. At any rate, he says he only goes to the pool rooms."—Philadelphia Press.

Turtles Are Slow.

"Here!" called the impatient guest. The obsequious waiter came to his side, says Judge.
"Seems to me that soup I ordered is a long time getting to me."
"Yes, sir; but you must remember, sir, that you ordered turtle soup."

The trouble with most actors is that they have never played a part in real life.

CHAS. A. DAVIS DEAD

He Was Burned to Death in Polk County.

Thursday morning last a colored wood cutter was on his way to the woods from his hut at Longbranch he made a gruesome find in the bushes near the road. Being attracted by the barking of his dog the negro turned aside, and there by a small fire lay the charred remains of a white man.

Every stitch of the man's clothing had been burned from his body, only a portion of his shoes remaining. There were evidences on every hand of terrible struggles as the poor fellow writhed in the agony of death, fighting the devouring flames.

The man had built a camp fire in the woods and lay down to sleep, when sometime during the night his clothing caught from the flames and he was burned to a crisp.

The negro gave the alarm and the body was taken in charge by the people at the plant.

The unfortunate man was identified as Chas. A. Davis, a traveling painter who had been doing some odd jobs for the hands about the phosphate plant. Some darkies had paid him about \$1.50 for some work the day before. One dollar of it was in paper and the change in silver. The silver was there all right, but the paper dollar is supposed to have been burned in his pocket.—Bartow Courier-Information, Dec. 23.

Mr. Davis was at one time employed in the Weston Union Telegraph office in this city.

Arrested for Gambling.

On Sunday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Livingston brought in from near Wade twenty three prisoners, all charged with gambling. They were taken before Judge Mason Monday for a preliminary hearing, and all were discharged except two, the proprietors of the deus, L. W. Mitchell and William Bell, who were required to give bond for their appearance at the next term of the Circuit Court. Attorney B. A. Thrasher represented the State and Attorneys Syd. L. Carter and Evans and Haile the defense.

Origin of the Turban.

The origin of the turban must be looked for not, as commonly believed, among Moslems, but as a sign of authority and honor dating back to the earliest periods of Jewish history. The term used in the Hebrew Bible for putting on the bonnet of the high priest is from a root meaning "to bind round." The words mitre, hood, diadem, as used in the Old Testament, are only variations of the word turban.

Jerome tells us that the turban has a place in the most ancient records of history. The variations as adopted by Mohammedans are many. Their own authorities hint at a thousand methods of arranging the turban, which shows not only the tribe and religious distinction, but even the personal peculiarities of the wearer.

An old legend traces the turban to an act of desperate courage recorded of the ancient Levantines. A brave band of warriors are said to have wrapped their winding sheets round their heads as they devoted themselves to certain death to save their comrades on the battlefield.

The Gopher Snake.

It has long been a question in our minds as to how the gopher snake caught the gophers on which he lives, but H. C. Heltzer tells how it was done, having witnessed a catch. Mr. Snake coiled his tail over the gopher hole, setting a snare for him. When the gopher had crawled out of the hole sufficiently to permit the snake's tail to be drawn about the body of the gopher the coil was fastened about Mr. Gopher as quick as a flash.

It was gradually drawn tighter and tighter until the gopher fell over dead, the life having been completely squeezed out of him. After the gopher is dead the snake swallows him whole, and it is not an unusual thing to find one of these snakes with a number of gophers in him. The gopher is a great fighter, and if he was not caught in a snare as the one mentioned he would doubtless make a hard fight for life even with a snake.—Tulare Advance.

The Lowest Form of Bird.

There is a peculiar bird commonly known as the "kiwi," its scientific name being Apteryx mantelli. It is the lowest form of bird which exists, but is so scarce that scientists are happy to get a specimen in any condition. It is absolutely without wings or tail. Its legs are short, stubby, but very strong, and are used by this bird for digging. The body covering is a cross between hair and feathers, a material which is very coarse. They can develop great speed and make a desperate fight when attacked. Breeding them in captivity has utterly failed, and only a few museums can boast of a specimen. They are now very rarely found in the forests and swamps in the north of New Zealand.

Bolling Down a Speech.

An old newspaper man in Washington tells this story of Mr. Blaine: "My first experience with Mr. Blaine was when as correspondent for a western paper I endeavored to get him to withdraw from the official reporters of the house a speech which he had made in order that I might make an abstract of it."

"How much of this do you want to use?" Mr. Blaine asked.
"I replied that I thought I would send about half of it."
"Then I will make an abstract myself," said he, "reducing it one-half. I do not doubt your skill, but I want this speech boiled down by its friends."

Try Fagan's market for best meats.

J. T. Love of Alachua was in Gainesville Wednesday trading.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dye Works. July 14, 11.

Col. J. W. Patton transacted business in Starke a few days ago.

J. C. Haile was in the city Tuesday from his home at Alachua.

Sheriff L. W. Fennell made a business trip to Jacksonville Tuesday.

W. L. Godwin of Fairfield, was a business visitor to the city Saturday.

Col. C. C. Thomas transacted legal business in Lake City a few days ago.

W. F. Grissom of Rochelle, was transacting business in Gainesville Wednesday.

Henry Fatch came up from Tampa to spend Christmas with his parents in this city.

Mrs. W. C. Young of Evinston was in the city Tuesday doing her Christmas shopping.

Capt. N. A. Callison of Bennington, was among the business visitors to the city Tuesday.

Rev. F. C. Edwards of Micanopy was in the city Tuesday and paid the Star office a pop call.

Turner Butler, of Levyville, who is now a law student at Stetson University was in the city Tuesday en route home to spend the holidays.

W. T. McLeander, the Alachua watermelon man, was a business visitor to the city Thursday.

Gainesville was well filled with shoppers Thursday. The town was lively, but good order prevailed.

Hon. D. C. McIntosh and son, Prof. M. C. McIntosh of Rex were business visitors to the city Tuesday.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 15 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at THE STAR office.

Gus A. Morton of Eve was transacting business in the city Wednesday and paid this office an agreeable call.

If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or contract for a profitable investment see Movers.

There was a large number of the people from the country and nearby towns shopping in Gainesville Saturday.

Hon. Jno. N. C. Stockton, the leading candidate for United States Senate, was in the city a short while Thursday.

Col. H. S. Hampton of Tampa spent several days in this city with relatives and friends during Christmas week.

Jno. W. Ettel, the popular manager of the Brown house left Christmas day for Mobile, Ala., where he will spend a short while.

J. A. Porten of Montbrook, and J. N. Porten of Newberry, were in the city Saturday, and the first named subscribed for the Star.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the Star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

Jno. V. Denton, a prominent citizen of Micanopy, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday, and had his name entered on the Star subscription list.

For the best fresh meats, and fancy family groceries go to J. G. Harold's market, two doors from opera house entrance. Phone No. 25.

A. J. McLachlin, the efficient manager of the Wade and McNair naval stores company at Fairfield, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Will Gore, a painter of this city was arrested and placed in jail Saturday on a charge of larceny of knives from the hardware store of S. J. Thomas.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For Sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store and J. A. Stephens, High Springs, Fla.

Attorney and Mrs. W. E. Baker of Plant City, arrived in the city Tuesday to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Hon. and Mrs. P. M. Colson.

C. H. Crisman of Micanopy, and E. B. Godwin of High Springs, are authorized to take subscriptions and collect for the same for The Star. See them about it.

J. B. Evans, son of R. B. Evans, a sub engineer of Bellamy, has resigned his position with B. J. Herlong and has accepted a situation with I. R. Edins.

In our China department, you may find a piece of China or glassware, for a New Year's gift, for the friend you didn't remember on Christmas Day. L. C. Smith.

June Sanderson, an old Gainesville boy, but now holding a good position on the Birmingham Age-Herald, spent Christmas with his parents in this city.

D. T. English, Tacoma; W. B. Pender, Otter Creek; Jack Camp, Ocala, and Prof. N. B. Mott, High Springs, were among the business visitors to the city Tuesday.

Hon. W. M. Holloway was in the city Friday last. He is hustling along in his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.—Lake City Index, Dec. 25.

Bryan, the restaurant man, is moving right across the hall from where he has been. Mr. Bryan is fixing up the place in first class order and will have a neat restaurant.

Mr. A. W. Taylor with a force of ten men returned to the West end Sunday. He is surveying a large tract of timber land for a lumber company. He was accompanied by his sons, Moseby and Alexander, Victor McKinstry, Wade Hampton, Walter Gore and Frank Arons.

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Joe Tinsley of Tampa is in the city shaking hands with his numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Clyatt spent Christmas with Mrs. Clyatt's parents at Umatilla.

Miss Blanche Bronson returned to spend Christmas with her many friends in this city.

Sidney Roberson, an employee of the C. F. X., spent the holidays in town with his parents.

Gainesville was very orderly during Christmas. There were very few drunk and few arrested.

T. J. Faus, an employee of this office, spent Christmas with his brother, Rev. Oliver Faus, at Callahan.

Prof. J. W. Wideman superintendent of the Tallahassee High School spent Christmas in Gainesville with his family.

The society people had a very enjoyable dance at the opera house Christmas night, and all present enjoyed it immensely.

Will Stringfellow, who is attending school at Stetson University, DeLand, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Claire Stringfellow, who has been attending school abroad, returned to spend Christmas with her parents here to the delight of her many friends in this city.

One of the colored boys who for a long time has been employed at the Sun office, was found in possession of stolen goods. He was arrested and fined \$17.50 or three months in the gang.

Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McCreary and daughter, Miss Irene, son Claire, and little Miss Sallie Merchant, were among the Gainesville people who visited Jacksonville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Heckard of Live Oak are in the city visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Their many friends are pleased to have them here during the holidays.

Miss Maggie Belle Taylor, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taylor of this city, returned to Jacksonville, where she is stenographer for a wholesale house.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug and J. A. Stephens, Store, High Springs.

F. P. Coffin of Johnstown, spent a few days in the city last week. He and his father have recently put out a fine illustrated edition of the Southern University devoted to Marion County.

Have you tried Giddings' Hair Grower? Others have tried it and pronounced it good. For sale at S. B. Giddings' Drug Store, Gainesville, and Postoffice Drug Store and J. A. Stephens, High Springs.

Marshal Pinkeson arrested Williams, a colored plumber of this city on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He pled guilty and was fined \$25 and cost, which he promptly paid.

Arthur and Charlie Voyle returned Thursday from Auburn, where they have been attending school. After the holidays Arthur will enter the law department of Stetson and Charlie will remain in town having accepted a position with the new electric light plant.

Those Bostonian shoes for men are beautiful, and the price can't be beat. And remember we carry in our shoe department a complete line of ladies' and children's shoes, and the prices can't be equaled in the city. L. C. Smith.

Mr. N. M. Boyd, formerly of this city but for the past year of Jacksonville, spent Christmas with his mother and family in East Gainesville. He has accepted a good position at Cutler, Fla., and will reside there next year. Mr. Boyd is an excellent young gentleman; strictly sober, moral and industrious, and the Star predicts for him success wherever he goes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Woods, who have spent the past two years in England and Scotland, arrived in the city yesterday from their late home in Redding, Eng., and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Woods was formerly Miss Clarendon Phillips, the charming daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. D. Phillips, who went as far as Waldo yesterday to meet and accompany Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their little son who was born under the British flag, to Gainesville.

In our jewelry department we still have a nice line of jewelry, silverware and umbrellas. If you received a check for a Christmas gift, come in and spend it with us, and you can get something nice that will always remind you of your friend. L. C. Smith.

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